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Six Pioneer Vignettes By President Harmon At Stake Conference

I. FROM SIDNEY RIGDON'S "MESSENGER AND ADVOCATE," 1846:

"Their camp is in the western part of Iowa, some 200 miles west of Nauvoo. Their situation, according to our informant, is as miserable as it well could be. Their stock of provisions they took with them is getting fast reduced, so much so that they can proceed no further; without shelter, other than tents and wagons, and their tents so indifferent that they will not shed the rain, which has been incessently falling since their arrival. In this awful condition is to be found the aged and infirm, the mother and tender infant. When our informant left, they were going to fence in some 300 or 400 acres of land, for the purpose of raising a crop of corn to try to preserve life. The remains of their furniture, which in part consists of bed and bedding, they are sending off to Missouri to exchange for corn and bacon to sustain life . . .

"This said Young professed to be a follower of Christ and hold communion with Him, but what are his pretensions now? He has got, according to our informant, some 8800 or 10,000 people far into the filds, without food, without shelter, and himself the judge, without object . . . A state of

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You L. D. S. Are Being Watched

"We are being watched by those around us whether we know it or not. We make professions, and people see how nearly we live up to them." Thus warned Elder Thomas E. McKay at the Berkeley Stake Conference May 4. He told the story of a non-member in Zurich who became acquainted with a fine young lady and sought to date her for Sundays and for Tuesdays, but none of these dates could she accept because of her Sunday School and her M.I.A. commitments in the church. Then only did he learn that the young lady was a Latter-day Saint, whereupon he solemnly warned her that the so-called "Mormon" Elders were hypocrits, did not live right, and only sought to deceive and lead her to America.

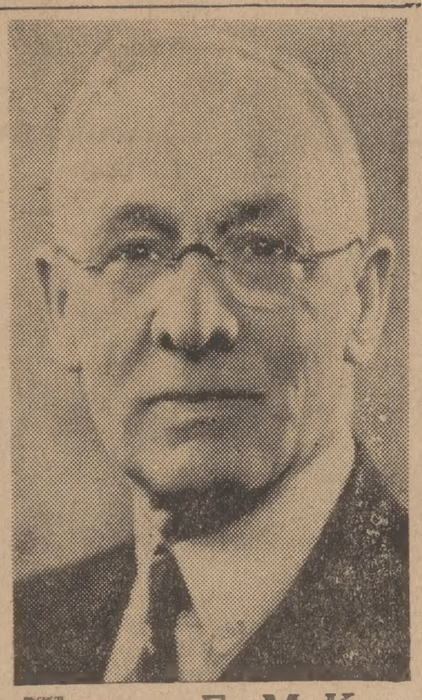
This man thereafter set himself the task of following the missionaries secretly day and night for weeks. Finally he apologized to the lady for his misstatements. He had found that these "Mormon" missionaries lived up to their professions. They visited no improper places, they drank no wine nor even coffee, they used no tobacco, they were clean, moral and God-fearing men. He then asked for information, and later was baptised and married the girl. When President McKay visited Zurich years later, their daughter was the musical leader in the Branch.

Two Parts to a Prayer

One part of prayer is the expression of appreciation to the Lord; worship of Him. God likes to hear this as truly as we parents enjoy the childrens' words of appreciation. Don't forget worship and thanksgiving in our prayers.

The second part is the requests we make in the prayer.

Thus spoke Elder Thomas E. McKay at the Berkeley Stake Conference May 4, 1947.



Thomas E. McKay
Assistant to the Twelve, Attended the Berkeley Stake Conference, May 4.

Thirty Hawaiian Artists In Concert

The fondly welcomed Latter-Day Saint Hawaiian musical artists landed in San Francisco May 28, and that evening gave a spell-weaving Hawaiian concert, in full costume, lasting nearly two hours in the Berkeley Chapel before a packed audience from the Oakland and Berkeley stakes. Under the skilled direction of Bro. and Sis. Napoleon, who for eleven years have been presidents respectively of their stake's Young Ladies' and Young Men's M.I.A., and welcomed and introduced by Harold Gaisford for the local M.I.A. organization, the program was an artistic triumph from the poetic prelude by Sister Napoleon to the haunting strains of Aloha by the full ensemble at the close, two hours later.

With a stage setting featuring the last Hawaiian king, with attendance, in the center background; a native Hawaiian grass-covered hut on the left before which sat a kind old grandmother with flowing white hair, and a fan and basket-maker busily at work; and on the right an eight-piece native Hawaiian orchestra, the evening's entertainment proceeded.

Mrs. Napoleon introduced and explained by means of an off-stage microphone the various native island dances as they were performed with dignity and charm by native Hawaiian girls and ladies. The ceremonial and rythmic hula dances were beautiful.

These graceful productions were interspersed with several duets and two comedy numbers that furnished a welcome relaxation and diversion. However, time sped as on wings during the entire concert and it was short indeed.

The Hawaiian singers are enroute to various L.D.S. stakes in California, and throughtout Utah where concerts will be given—all in honor of, and as part of, the Church-wide Centennial Celebration of the coming of the Utah Pioneers to the Salt Lake Valley.

In similar spirit a fine singing organization representing the southern California stakes of Zion is now touring cities and towns through Utah. The year is indeed a festal year in which the victories of our Utah forebearers over their difficulties are cheering us to go forward in the same spirit.

The Gifts of the Spirit

"To some it is given to know that Jesus is the Christ; to others it is given to believe on their words." Thus quoted Pres. Wayne E. Mayhew at the Berkeley Stake Conference, May 4, 1947.

A testimony comes by works. Oliver Cowdery wished for the gift to translate ancient records. The Lord explained, "I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart: Now, behold, this is the spirit of revelation." Later the Lord added: "You must study it out in your mind."

Special manifestations do not seem to help to live more godly and faithful lives in the long run. The Three Witnesses exemplify this thought. David O. McKay relates that he prayed for a burning testimony for years but did not receive it until he went on his mission to Scotland. President Clark says he has never seen a vision nor asked to see a vision, but only for the gift of the Spirit of God with him. Alma, in speaking to the Zoramites, mentioned that some demand a sign from heaven before they will believe. But is this faith? Faith like a seed planted in the earth eventually grows, and faith matures into knowledge.

A testimony of Truth is gained a little at a time, as though on the installment plan. But it is then sure and remains steadfastly with us to the end.

New Welfare Center On San Pablo Avenue

Thomas E. McKay
Amid the Flowers, Speaking at Berkeley Stake Conference May 4.

Activate the Inactive

"Use your local building programs to get our Adult Aaronic Priesthood busy. Building chapels is a fine investment spiritually. It draws into fellowship once more many not easily persuaded otherwise," said Elder Thomas E. McKay at the Berkeley Stake

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Pres. W. Glenn Harmon, at the Berkeley Quarterly Conference Saturday evening session, May 3, 1947, said that the stake authorities had unanimously decided upon a site on San Pablo Avenue, Richmond, with a frontage of 116 feet and a total depth of 256 feet, at a price of $15,000.

The Welfare Center on Gould Street, Oakland, will belong to the Oakland Stake, but that stake will help Berkeley Stake secure its own Welfare Center, it was announced.

President Harmon stated that there is not much progress to report except that the Stake Welfare Committee now is fully organized and the wards are busy completing their respective Welfare budgets. The number needing help is decreasing, BUT WE STILL ARE NOT FUNCTIONING WELL IN FINDING JOBS FOR OUR EMPLOYED. THE TIME HAS COME WHEN WE NEED TO WORK RATHER THAN TALK AND TO THEORIZE.

W. A. MacDonald:

"The Church practically has turned the Welfare budget back into our own hands to look after ourselves as self-sufficient unit in Northern California. Berkeley has been assigned 23 per cent of the regional budget.

Pres. Emery R. Ranker:

"Without vision the people perish, but with vision the people prosper. We have vision in our stake and ward Welfare Work. FOUR PROBLEMS CONFRONT US; THAT OF PRODUCTION, OF PROCESSING, OF STORAGE AND OF EMPLOYMENT.

In regard to production three gates are before us; first, we could get one large stake farm and run it as a whole, or each ward have a section of it; second we could get three farms, one for each of the three geographical districts, Vallejo-Napa, Martinez-Pittsburg, Walnut Creek-Berkeley-Richmond; third, we could get ward farms. From the floor a speaker suggested the first two districts produce while the Berkeley-Richmond area do the pro-

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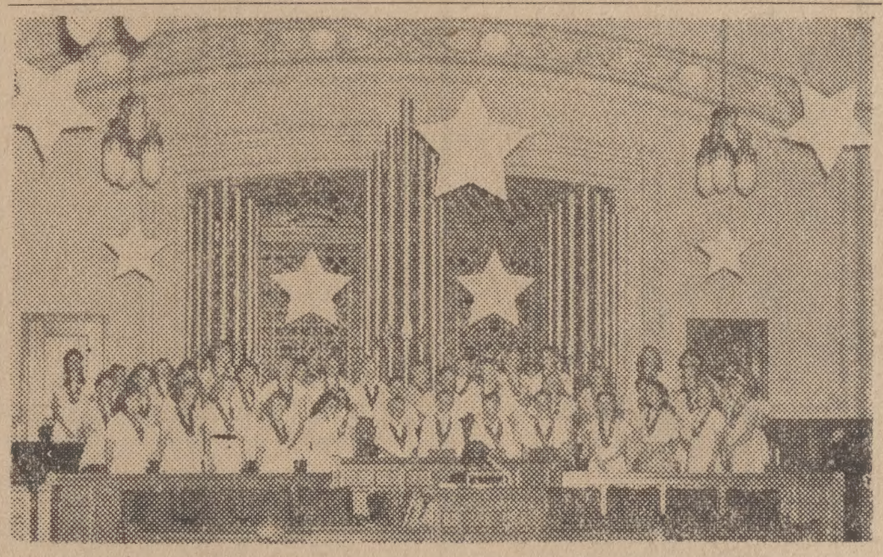
Calling All Elders . . . . Friday, June 13

A grand dancing party will be held in the Berkeley Chapel Friday, June 13, for the members and wives of all the elders' quorums of the eBrkeley Stake.

Special entertainments and tasty refreshments will be part of the enjoyment of the evening, and these will be really good, but th top attraction of this happy event will be the dancing to the strains of the famous Rocky oMuntain Hill Billy Orchestra of the elders of the Berkeley Stake.

Come and see the talent that you may not know exists in the membership of these large quorums of men in the northern part of the east bay region.

Circle this date on your home calender. Do it now. It's Friday, June 13. And the place, the Berkeley Chapel, Walnut and Vine streets.



Berkeley Stake Primary Graduation Song and Tableaux Program

This program called "Stars to Stear By," under the directon of the Primary Stake Presidency, Annette Wood, Patricia Umberger, and Francelle Larson, and the Stake Primary Board, besides a number of other helpers, indeed set a high star of excellence for future stake programs to shoot at.

The seven tableaux within the program enacted the message which blazoned out in the darkened chapel upon the seven stars, one at a time, as they were in turn flooded by an ultra-violet flood light. These seven messages were: Love at Home, Desire Church Membership, Grow Spiritually, Play Creatively, Seek Truth, Develop Faith, Serve Nobly. —Photo Courtesy of Delbert Carman, Richmond Ward.

Centennial Music Festival At S. F.

"There is no more valid study of the thoughts and feelings, the ideals and the beliefs of a people than the study of their music."

These words were the introductory note to a highly successful Music Festival given in San Francisco Stake on the evening of May 16.

An annual production of the four wards in the Stake, the Festival this year took on added interest as part of the centennial celebration of the arrival of the Mormon Pioneers in Salt Lake Valley.

Martin Nalder prepared and narrated a story of the music and life of the pioneers which was the background for the entire presentation. Choirs, choruses and individual artists participated. Jean Lauper, M.I.A. Music Director, assembled and directed the production with the assistance of Ida Wihler, Stake Organist and ward directors. Guest artists were Ronnie Hubbard, organist, and Phyllis Lund Beaulieu, pianist.

A very large audience heard the gospel message in a beautiful way, interpreted through instrument, story and song—Mrs. Leon F. Liddell.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

The Axel Larsens In Grass Valley

Axel and Hilda Larsen, formerly so well known in Oakland Ward, and also stake-wide, on account of Axel's continuous and valient battle for health after suffering a paralytic stroke, phoned from Grass Valley. Gridley Stake, last week to say they are fine and happy. Axel reportss that he is now in better health than when in Oakland, and hopes soon to be entirely well, as was the promise from the beginning. Hilda's voice sounded as kind, patient and vigorous as ever.

In the summer of 1946 the Larsens, then visiting in Salt Lake, found Axel stricken with a double pneumonia and also the tenth stroke. Undaunted with these afflictions they sought adminstrations and again were promised that he should yet be restored to complete health.

Returning towards California, they stopped and bought a place in Reno; but soon the feeling came that California was their better destination and, selling their place in the Nevada city, they settled in Grass Valley, long in their dreams. There, in an eight-room house, Hilda will go forward as usual while Axel continues to gain in vigor in that favorable climate, and that historic city, now grown to a center a little larger than Hayward.

Both Axel and Hilda send their love and greetings to all in the bay region, and invite their friends to write and to visit them at 230 Empire street, P. O. Box 779, Grass Valley, California.

Dr. Ray L. Knight
Released Scout Master, Berkeley Ward.

Dr. Ray L. Knight Honored

Dr. Raymond L. Knight, who gave unstintingly of his time and talents to Troop 8 of Berkeley Ward during nineteen years ending December 31, 1946, when he was released as Scout Master and Bob Johnson apointed to that position, was given high honors at the Annual Scout and family dinner of the troop Tuesday evening, May 27, 1947.

Words of praise for the long and faithful period of services to the boys of the ward were heaped upon Doctor Knight, and a wrist watch was presented to him on behalf of the Scouts by Edward Pyle, one of the first of the twenty Eagle Scouts that have achieved that top position under Elder Knight's tutelage.

Twelve of these twenty Eagle Scouts were at the side of Doctor Knight at the dinner. One hundred in all attended the dinner which was held in the Berkeley Chapel.

Troop 8 is in good hands under Bob Johnson, Scout Master, and Owen K. Walton, chairman of the Troop committee. Thirty-one boys are in the troop, fourteen of which are well on their way to the honor of Eagle Scouts.

The great Centennial Scout camp to be set up for 5000 L.D.S. Scouts besides the Pioneer "This is the Place" monument at the mouth of Emigrant Canyon, Salt Lake City, for the historic July 24th dedication, will be the focal point of all scout thought and activity until the time when the fifteen thrilled boys from Troop 8 board the train for Salt Lake City about July 20.

High Priests' Hold Stake Meeting

The High Priests of Berkeley Stake held their quarterly quorum meeting in the Berkeley Chapel May 22, 1947, with a good attendance.

Reports were rendered by the presidency, Heber M. Ellsworth, Dr. Douglas Ream, and Wm. G. Banks on the fields of General Welfare, Church activity and finance. The treasurer's report showed on hand $486.06. The fees of $5.00 are due annually and payable to the ward group leaders and secretaries.

It was announced that the quorum would like to pay part of the expenses of a part-time missionary, and of a brother or a couple who would be able to go to one of the temples for endowment work. Those interested should make it known to the quorum authorities.

A most enjoyable biography of Francis Mellor, a H. P. of Pittsburg, was given by James H. Kirby. The unusual conversion of Elder Mellor, the Mellors' early coming to Pittsburg and beginning the little home meetings of the few saints they could contact, his faithful services as Branch president, building the attendance until a ward was made under the leadership of Bishop Kirby. Elder Mellor is a foundry foreman of great skill and good leadership ability, and is now enjoying a well-earned retirement.

The next high priests' quorum meeting, for the men only, will be held in Vallejo, August 21. In November will come the great annual dinner and entertainment for the members and their wives, held in the Berkeley chapel.

BERKELEY STAKE PRIMARY GRADUATION SONG AND TABLEAUX PROGRAM

The Love Home Tableau shown above was one of seven Tableaux beautifully enacted under spot light at the Berkeley Stake Primary Graduation, at the Berkeley chapel, May 23, 1947, to a capacity audience. Shown in the Love Home Tableaux is the Berkeley Ward family of Ariel A. Anderson, consisting of (left to right): Gayle, Ariel A., Cordell M., Inez M., and Marlo R. The photos of the tableaux were taken by Delbert Carman of Richmond Ward.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers of Alameda county met May 22, in the Dimond Ward Chapel for their biennial social, program and election of officers.

Two beautiful solos were rendered by Jane Boetes, and in her own inimitable manner Fern McCord reviewed the book, "Anything Can Happen," written by George and Helen Papashvily. Congregational singing was conducted by LaVon Johnson with Ada Linbled accompanying.

A social hour and delicious refreshments were enjoyed in the Relief Society room.

Those elected to office are as follows:

President, LaRee Tolman; 1st Vice-President, Effie Gibbs; 2nd Vice-President, Winifred Phelps; Secretary, Gertrude Wright; Corresponding Secretary, Jeanett Barrett; Treasurer, Annette Wood; Registrar, Jessie Lund; Historian, Mildred Morgan; Custodian, Katherine Pearson; Chorister, Jane Boetes; Chaplain, Amelia Everett; Organist, Neita Van Noy; Parliamentarian, Cleo Rix.

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Richmond Wd. News

Fred Anderson and Timothy Morley, Jr., are two new Sunday School teachers and both are ex-bishops . . . . The Ward Relief Society is busy on quilts, toweling, etc., for the European Relief call, under the efficient leadership of Mary Bates . . . . An elders' party for all members of the Melchizedek Priesthood was enjoyed by a good attendance, May 20. Starting the party off right, Peter Gengler had all participate in some square dances; Joseph Badger showed some interesting films; and Ernest Bourne of the Bishopric, added a bit of magic to the program, an amazing sleight of-hand stunt.

Ruth Nielsen gave a party for the M-Men and Gleaners at her home, May 27. . . . . Call for Primary teachers! But you should see the splendid job the Primary is doing each week under Alvera Copeland and her assistants.

It's a baby girl for the Timothy Morleys, and we are all happy for them.

Our Ward Chapel grounds are looking wonderfully improved and in order with the shrubbery neatly trimmed; the chapel has also been delightfully cleaned inside. The project includes, also, the complete repainting and redecorating of the chapel on the inside. . . . . Deacon Jerry Dean, Teacher Ronald Thomas and Priest Alvin Harris gave three fine talks, May 18, on the anniversary of the restoration of the Aaronic priesthood . . . . The Ward Scout troop, under Leonard Harris, eight in number, enjoyed the weekend of May 17 and 18, at Camp Herms, Berkeley.

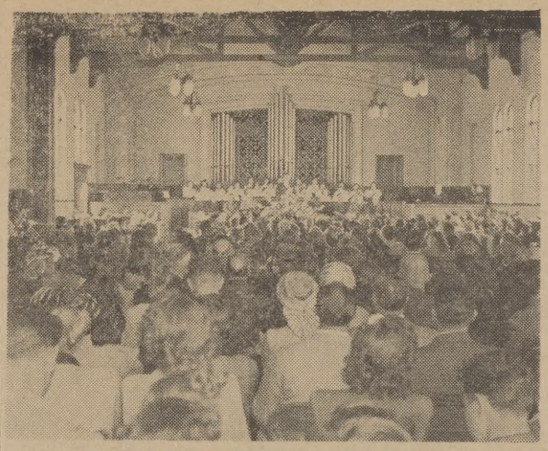
Berkeley Stake Youth Banquet

A banquet for the youth of Berkeley Stake will be held Saturday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the Berkeley Ward recretion hall.

All of the young folks from the age of twelve through twenty are urged to attend. The leaders of the Aaronic Priesthood quorums and the girls' groups will also attend, but it isn't an affair for the parents.

The youth of each ward will furnish one number as part of the program which will follow the food.

Presentation of Standard Quorum and Standard Group awards earned in 1946 will also be made on this occasion.



BERKELEY STAKE CONFERENCE

President W. Glenn Harmon is here shown delivering a sermon to the large audience attending the Berkeley Stake Conference, May 4, 1947. Photo by courtesy of Bob Dibette, Treasure Island Marine whose home is in Sugar House, South Salt Lake City.

Fanny Moody Gets Presents

Fanny Wessman Moody, an old resident of Berkeley, wife of beloved William Moody, was showered with flowers, gifts, letters and postal cards on her birthday, May 5, at the Moody's present home in Salt Lake City.

These came in large part from her Oakland-Berkeley friends, expressing love and good wishes and wishing her health and happiness. Bro. Moody writes that she was so delighted with the many messages of love from old friends that she wholly forgot that she had been sick, and revelled in the blessings of the day.

Fannie sends a message to her kind California friends that she loves them all, and is full of gratitude and appreciation for their thoughtfulness. The latest report is that she is improving in health. Sister Acomb, an old Berkeley friend, is at her side much of the time.

Sabbath Day Holiness and General Well-Being Go Hand In Hand

Elder Finley C. Pearce, bishop of Pittsburgh ward, quoted the famous fifty-ninth revelation on the Sabbath at the Berkeley Stake Conference to clarify the thought that continued national well-being is positively linked to the reverent keeping of the Lord's Sabbath.

"Verily I say, that inasmuch as ye do this (keep the Sabbath day holy in thought and action) the fullness of the earth is yours, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air . . . . yea and the herb and the good things of the earth, whether for food or for raiment, or for houses or for barns, or for orchards, or for gardens, or for vinyards.' '

Berkeley Ward News

Sunday night, May 25, Kent Jarman, Wayne King and Leon Mayhew graduated from the Primary and were presented by President Allie D. Gardner to the Bishop and the Scoutmaster for their entrance into the Priesthood and Scouting.

The Primary will start their summer classes June 18. Further announcements will be made later concerning the time.

May 20th marked the last M.I.A. social of this season. Fun was furnished for all when a group of dancers exhibited and taught folk dancing. Refreshments were served to the entire group. The latter part of the evening was spent in modern dancing.

Mr. Huish, president of the Berkeley Ward Mutual, was in attendance after being absent several weeks because of illness.

Theta Chi Beta officers are completing plans for another "Parents' Night" for the month of June. Because the first meeting was such a success, "Parents' Night" is going to be one of the big items this year.

J. Ed Johnson in May had the pleasure of returning to Snowflake, Arizona, where 32 years ago he had been principal of the Snowflake Stake Academy. J. Ed delivered the address to the graduates of Snowflake Union high school, successor to the former academy. He and his family made a delightful tour and visit out of the trip.

G. Wm. Richards, our talented choir leader, in May was the guest organist at the dedication by David O. McKay of the new chapel at Klamath Falls. His artistic renditions were among the high lights of that memorable occasion. Theodore Ruegg was the architect of the chapel. Berkeley Ward gets around! Elder Ruegg is also architect of the new chapel which Alameda Ward will begin to erect with a ground-breaking in June. Bro. Richards is a graduate student in music at the University of California, and during the World's Fair on Treasure Island he was the Church organist at the model Tabernacle there.

I Feel Missionaries Will Go To Russia

"I feel we'll go into Russia as missionaries and that they will accept the Gospel by thousands."

These words were spoken by Elder Thomas E. McKay at the Berkeley Stake Conference, May 4. He also added that at the last General Conference President Smith had spoken about our people taking the Gospel to Finland and Russia. The Book of Mormon is now being translated so that Finland may read it.

For many years I have been doing little tasks connected with insuring the public and as always—it is my pleasure as well as my duty.

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Dimond Ward News

We will all miss Brother George Pearson, long a member of Dimond Ward, who recently passed away, and wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family . . . . Congratulations to those proud parents of babies born in May: Bill and Irene Berg, and Dale and Mrs. Rainey, boys; Joyce and Gene Hilton, a girl. . . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Brother and Sister Fred Weindorf and Sisters Julia Fitzpatrick and Mary Russell, who were recently in a serious automobile accident as they were returning from a trip to Utah.

The Primary has a new time for meeting during summer vacation. Starting Wednesday, June 18, Primary will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 . . . . The Relief Society has finished packing their boxes for European relief. They have 55 boxes packed full of clothes and ready for shipment. We want to commend the sisters for their fine work . . . . Relief Society has held its last regular meeting until September. There will be only work meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month. Each meeting will have special features. Sister Jesse Lund will give a talk on pioneer costumes in June, and in July, textile paintings will be demonstrated . . . . John Hilton, who leaves soon on a mission to Brazil, is being given a farewell party Thursday, June 12, at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Let's come out and give him a real send-off.

Pittsburg Ward News

As you read this issue of the MESSENGER, Pittsburg Ward may or may not have been given the privilege to buy a war surplus chapel located very near Camp Stoneman. A bid for this building was submitted May 13, to the Chief of Chaplains in Washington, D. C., and notification as to which group in Pittsburg will receive the chapel will be made from that office. A week of prayer and a day of fasting and prayer was observed during the week of the 19th of May, through the 26th. Our obtaining this chapel would be a tremendous asset indeed, but in all things we pray, "Thy will be done."

A dance festival deluxe, under the direction of Lillian and Arthur Chomor, was held on May 24th, with 20 couples participating in 13 exhibition dances and a multitude more as witnesses. Following the floor show, there were refreshments and dancing.

May 26th found the ever increasing group of M-Men, Gleaners and Servicemen of Pottsburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LaFarr Astle, to be entertained in royal fashion by M-Men, Gleaner teachers, who include, besides the Astles, Berma Maughan. A barbeque under California skies (a little dewy that night), games, songs, and home recordings were the highlights.

Gold and Green Ball, Oalkand-Berkeley Stakes, April 25, 1947

At the Green and Gold Ball, Oakland-Berkeley Stakes, held at the Scottish Rites Temple, Ruth Williams of Maxwell Park Ward, wearing the crown, represented the "Spirit of M.I.A."; Helen Burdette, Claremont, was president of Berkeley Stake Gleaner Girls, while Joyce Briscoe was president of the Oakland Stake Gleaner Girls, and these two girls stand next to Ruth Williams, Helen on the right and Joyce on the left; the two flower girls with trays are, on the left, Jeanine Clark and on the right Arlene Daybell, both Beehive Girls of Dimond Ward. The names of the ward queens were printed in the May Messenger. The May Messenger had a cut made showing the ward queens, but since the photograph had cut off two or three queens on the ends of the line it was felt wise not to reproduce it. Hence the tardy showing of the above picture in this Messenger.

East Richmond Ward News

Herbert F. Layton was born in Missouri, and came to Salt Lake as the cashier of the Pullman company. Later, in life the same company moved him to the bay region so that now he is the head cashier over the company's San Francisco office.

Naomi and Layton first met under the evening skies and the sweet dance music of Saltair. They were married for three years when he announced that he was going to join the church. No one had urged him. He had voluntarily gone to the meetings and had done his own thinking. That was about fourteen years ago busy years of Church services for both of them in almost all the organizations. They have two boys, ages 7 to 15, the latter being junior assistant Scoutmaster and president of his teachers' quorum.

The new Primary officers are: Louisa Huntamer, president; Ruth Childs, 1st counselor, and Malda Walker, secretary . . . . Emma and Forster Nelsen are welcoming a baby girl into their home. . . . The Singing Mothers will hold a party Thursday, June 6, at Sister Kaufmans.

Bishop Umberger was born in Ogden but the family moved to Berkeley and Glen received most of his schooling here. He served with the Austin Construction Company, and when the war came held a similar position with the Maritime Commission. At the present time he is field man, finding jobs for people for the State Employment Service, and says the work is interesting in the extreme. . . . Pat, his better half, was born in South Africa of English parents, who had gone to that land during the Boer War in government service. Having lost faith in their former church, the Catholic they were ready for the Gospel seed, although they at first rebelled at the ill-name of "Mormons" as slander had represented things. At the urging of President J. Wiley Sessions, "Pat" came before her parents to Zion (1926) and completed her education in Salt Lake City and worked at Keith-O'Briens. Moving to California for her mother's health, Sister Umberger has found her life complete with Glen, and the two children, ages 7 and 12. Both Glen and Patricia have been active in the auxiliaries, and Glen as Bishop's counselor, and now the respected bishop of East Richmond ward.

Bryant S. Knowles, 1st counselor in the bishopric, was born in Grantsville, Utah, and graduated from the U. of U., won his master's degree in history at the U.C., and is now a high school teacher in Crockett. He took time out while at U. of U. to fill a mission in the north central states. Dorothy Hunn Knowles was born in Provo, went through the B.Y.U., filled a mission also in the north central states, and met Bryant at a missionary reunion in Salt Lake. They have both been steady workers in the organizations of the Church, and have two lovely children, ages 2 and 4.

Maxwell Park Ward Sews

Plans are under way for an interesting summer program for the Primary children. Sister Vera Bodily has been chosen as the new Primary president with Dallas Pocock and Hanna Rowe acting as Counselors. Sister Gertrude Wood, who served as president for the past two years, is vacationing with her children in the Northwest.

On Tuesday, May 27, our M.I.A. enjoyed a swimming party at Hayward Plunge and topped off the evening with a wienie roast at Sequoia Park. The arrangements were under the direction of the Gleamer Girls and the large crowd attending had a wonderful time. A full program of summer activities is being planned so watch for the dates and join the fun.

Our M.I.A. summer activities are planned especially to keep us interested in M.I.A. during the weeks when our regular meetings are not being held. It has been truly said that "a group that plays together, stays together."

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Allan Barker, also to little Dodney Pocock.

Congratulations to Sister Barbara Martin and the large cast of players on the success of the play "It Shall Keep Thee."

Alameda Ward News

Elaine Hess became the bride of Carl Lane Saturday, May 24, in a ceremony performed by Bishop Thys Winkel. The happy reception was held at the home of Ralph Lane. For the next five weeks, the couple will be touring the United States in Carl's new car. Then they will be welcomed back to Alameda and to their lovely new home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall very dear friends in Alameda and investigators of the Gospel have generously donated a beautiful upright piano to the ward. . . . Sister Arletta Tuttle 86, is recovering from an attack of heart trouble, and has the love and prayers of all the members . . . . Howard Dunn, counselor in our bishopric, until now connected with the Alameda City Engineering office, is not going to leave Alameda, as was at first feared, but has accepted an appointment as Building Appraiser for the Bank of America, and will still be located here with us.

Ralph Lane has been sustained as superintendent of the Y.L.M.I.A., in place of Ralph Dunford who has been released with a vote of thanks. . . . Marie Smith, Primary counselor has become president now that Gay Miller has been released as president. Myra Knowles will still remain as one of the counselors. . . . Joseph E. Eferton recently returned from Guam will become Stake Tabernacle committee chairman a post formerly held by our ward clerk, Odell Christensen.

Bishop Winkel advises all to get ready for the ward outing June 21. Wayne McKinley has been sustained as president of the Sixth Quorum of Elders in place of Frank Miller who is moving his family from Alameda. We miss them. . . Lowell Jensen replaces Phil Pierce as assistant superintendent of S. S.

San Leandro Ward News

The Bishopric is happy to announce our Welfare project is well under way, with 700 tomato plants planted, string beans and corn. This preparation work has made possible united effort of both Priesthoods, each quorum taking part in the work, on our lot.

Through the untiring efforts of the Relief Society, with the assistance of the Ward membership, many cartons of clothing were packed and made ready for shipment to Europe to our Saints in the various countries.

Many of our young people attended the M-Men and Gleaner convention held in San Francisco this month.

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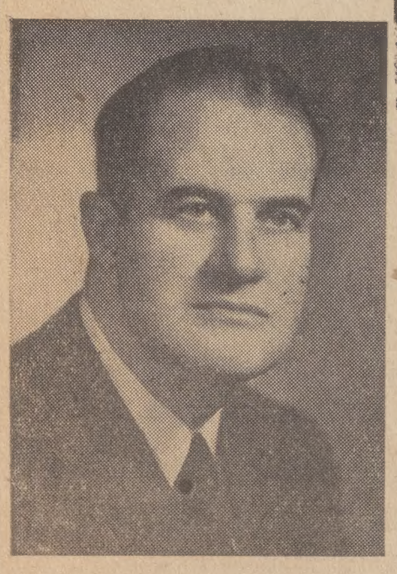
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Elmhurst Ward News

Primary Conference May 4, was colorful with all children in pioneer costume. Sister Rowena Basinger and Sister Jessie Lund graciously gave of their time and talents to help train the children. All worked hard and are to be commended. Two hundred sixteen people were in attendance.

We have had some outstanding Sacrament meetings this month. May 11 was conducted by service men stationed at Treasure Island. Fred Weibell of Midvale, Utah, conducted. Speakers were: Dale Hullett of Encanto, California; Terry Sumsion of Springfield, Utah; V. C. Ralph of Rockland, Idaho, and Garth Wright of Idaho Falls. All paid tribute to their mothers, giving a wonderful impression of their sincerity.

May 17 was in charge of the Priests' Quorum conducted by Gerald Smith. Talks were given by Glen Shaw, Jr., Grant Tanner and Alfred Dye. Quorum awards were made by James Muir, general secretary. Two numbers were well rendered by the Elmhurst Junior choir under the direction of Bishop Shaw.

Relief Society has had a very successful year and all members will be looking forward to regular meetings again. Work day will be held every second Tuesday and all members are asked to make an effort to come and help with our Welfare assignment. For the closing party, May 29, all members and their husbands, the Bishopric and five Stake board members and their partners, were entertained at dinner. A program under the direction of Sister Rowena Basinger was given during dinner. Remainder of the evening Sister Jessie Lund exhibited many pioneer relics, some 150 years old.

Mutual officers extend an invitation to all members to participate in their summer recreational program. June 10 will be held at the Chapel and every other week thereafter at Arroya Viejo Recreation Center.

Sister Ruth Hilton will be our speaker at Sacrament meeting, June 15. She has a wealth of Welfare information and every member should avail themselves of this opportunity to hear her.

Sister Lovina Smithen's brother and wife returned to their home in Canada after visiting at the home of Brother and Sister Smithen for five weeks. Not having seen each other for 47 years, this was a grand reunion. Many parties and sight-seeing kept them busy and happy while here.

Brother Hugh Phillips passed away May 14, after a long illness. Our sympathy goes out to Sister Phillips and family.

Claremont Wd. News

A missionary farewell was held for Elder Marvin Wright on May 6. Marvin is going to serve in the New Zealand Mission. He has served faithfully as a stake missionary for a number of years.

The Mutual held their closing party at Sequoia Lodge on May 20. Everyone brought his own lunch and enjoyed roasting weiners and marshmallows over the open fire. Darrel Monson gave a reading; Bonnie Nickeletti and Joan Melina favored us with some tap dancing numbers. The balance of the evening was spent in singing songs and dancing.

A splendid Mother's Day program was given by the Junior Sunday School under the direction of Sister Annie Beckett.

The M.I.A. presented a three-act comedy, "The Hickory Stick," directed by Darrell J. Monson. The play was presented twice at Oakland Ward and once at Elmhurst Ward, with the following cast: Judy McKinney, Peggy Mauss; Miss Hatfield, Amy Rocjardson; Alma, Lois Brown; Leslie Blake, Bernadine Adams; Lillian McKinney, Hazel Petersen; Mary Bidewell, Margaret Toole; Dr. Richard Burgess, Darrell Monson; Paul McKinney, Dick Ewald; James McKinney, Don Wall; Albert Beckwith, Douglas Harmon; Loreta Lyons, Oral Alexander; Lew Wheeler, Bob Bundy; Franklyn Albright, Jr., Dene Ogden; a Policeman, Ernest Evans; Blackie Clifford, Kenneth Krey. The production staff included Darrell Monson as director and the following: Don Wall, Robert Richardson, Dick Ewald, Dene Odgen and Troop 46, LaRane Burningham, Robert Richardson and Roberta Ewald. The Ward wishes to thank Darrel and the cast, and the production staff for their splendid performance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams announce the birth of their granddaughter. The mother is Mrs. Lola Bettencourt.

We are happy to receive word that Donald Cochran is improving from his illness at the Oak Knoll hospital, where he has been confined since the latter part of April.

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A Thriling Testimony Out of World War I

(By George Hughes at Berkeley Stake Conference, May 4, 1947)

My memory goes back to a former war to Sunday, July 25, 19188, almost 29 years ago in the eastern end of Belleau Woods, between Bouresche and Veaux in the Chatteau Thierry sector of France. I was a marine in the 20th company of the 5th regiment in the 2nd division of the American Expeditionary Forch, that division which was and still is second to none.

Skipping the details for which I have no time, about five nights before we had been relieved by the 3rd and 4th regiment of the Army. We had hiked about 8 or 10 miles back behind the lines heading for a rest we hoped after three weeks of continuous fighting not even daring to unlace our shoes. The Jerries or Boche, suspecting or just on a long chance, shelled the paths we were following unmercifully. A breathless runner caught up to the rear of our column and, when he could speak, told us of the complete riot of his outfit.

He begged us to return and save them. We turned about and hurried back, arriving just at day break.

That Sunday night I moved my platoon up to within 50 yards of the Germans entrenched in the fishhook point of the Woods. We the open hillside between us and the Germans whose position made it possible for them to see anything or anyone who moved down the hill toward them,.

If you have ever hunted brush rabbits you can appreciate their position oposite the hillside we would have to descend. Not even a mouse could have escaped exposure.

I had taken an advanced position for some sniping during that period when dawn breaks and the first rays of light touched the darkened earth. Time and again during the night and early morning hours I had heard faint cries for help. But during the quietest hours of the morning the cry became more and more pitiful and coming from the same spot. Finally as light outlined a shellhole just a few feet in front of a German machine gun nest—not more than 20 feet—I saw a faint movement, perhaps of a hand. I didn't need to be told that a wounded comrade was lying there. I instinctively knew that he was. Then someone spoke to me. "You, George, are the only one who can. Go, and get him." "Yes," I whispered, "I'll go and get him. Then" Then startled, I turned around, no one was there who could have spoken to me. But I knew who had.

I cautiously creeped back to cover and told my commanding officer that a man was out in front between us and the German lines and that I was going to go and get him. The officer remonstrated that it couldn't be done, but if anyone should try it should be someone else. I said no, no one else can do it and I can. Something in my voice must have convinced him for he said all right.

I left my comrades and buddies instructions to pump all the lead they could at anything they saw moving, especially where they saw a machine gun spouting fire.

I slid over the edge of our trench and wormed my way down the face of t hehill. I instinctively went to a certain spot to do that.

I didn't hesitate or look around, sizing up the advantages or disadvantages of the various routes. Our opponents were alert, and at my first movement opened up with their Maxine machine guns spraying lead all around me like we turn water from a nozzle onto our lawn. I slid into the shell hole without a scratch.

I didn't do any thinking. I was acting under guidance from a power that was not within me. Without hesitation I swung this big six-foot soldier, who had an ugly wound in his right thigh and whose forehead was so hot that it burned my hand, over my shoulders and climbed up out of the shell hole, not towards my trenches from which I had come but directly towards that machine gun nest so near to it. Smiling and with my free hand touching my forehead in a salute, I saw the fingers of the machine gunner tighten on the trigger, with grim determination on his face. But no bullets came. He remained motionless as though unable to move. I turned to my right and walked slowly along the front of the German trenches, so close that I could have reached out and touched the muzzles of their guns.

Not a person but myself moved. Not a bullet was fired. As I looked up the hill towards my lines not a movement could I see. Everyone seemed to be holding his breath. I walked perhaps 75 yards before I came to a ravine up which I thought I could carry my burden. I saluted again and turned my back upon them. Slowly up and up, and finally I stepped over the dirt and rocks hsaitly thrown up in from our trenches and down into them.

Eager hands reached up to take the burden from my shoulders, and as I stepped down out of sight every Maxine gun that could cover the spot where I disappeared opened up on us. Two lads too eager to help and to return the fire were wounded.

My Faith and a very attentive Guardian Angel carried me thru nine months of fighting like that. I had every piece of equipment shot off me and my clothes blown from my back, but not once did bullet or shrapnel break my flesh. The promise was fulfilled, living the Word of Wisdom, the destroying angel passed me by and did not slay me. Never once did I have any doubt about that.

My Faith has not lessened—I believe it has grown stronger and stronger since that time.

Heber J. Brown

Heber J. Brown of Oakland Ward, local attorney with the firm of Brown, Smith, and Ferguson of Oakland, has long been active in Church and civic work in the East Bay where he is widely and favorably known. "Hebe" is currently serving as vice-president of the Liahona Club in charge of programs for the dinner-club sessions at the Coit Hotel, Oakland, the fourth Monday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. Wm. H. Evans is the president of the Club.

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Hayward Ward News

"Ye Olde Tavern Sandwich", will be the feature of the little English Cottage now being completed for Edith and Bill Rosenkranz. The structure is in the form of a trailer and will be hitched to their car, "so we can get the crowd instead of waiting for them to come to us," as Bill states it.

Preparation of the sandwich, which resembles a hamburger, will be done by Mrs. Rosenkranz on a specially built stove inside the cottage. The meat is simmered in its own liquid until tender and served on a bun with a topping of relish.

Look for them on your trip to the Utah Centennial celebration for they are going, trailer and all. The proposed trip will help finance the new business as well as defray the cost of the visit.

Welcome home to the Leonard Phister family. They have returned to make their home here again after living in Salt Lake City for the past few years. Mr. Phister has always been active in church work, wherever he has lived, and it is good to have him lending his talents to our ward again.

Choir meetings have been adjourned for the summer to enable all help possible to be at the church lot to speed completion of the new chapel. Each night of the week and all day Saturday will now be the schedule for workers. Progression has been slow due to the few nights in the week members could participate.

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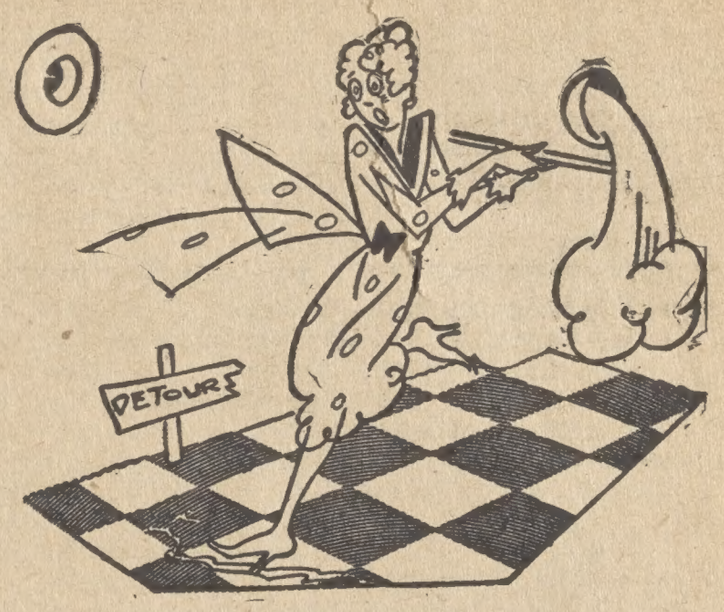

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Milton Wells

A fine farewell testimonial was given to Milton Wells, Friday evening, June 6, in the Elmhurst Ward chapel prior to his departure for the Texas-Louisiana Mission. The prayers and best wishes of the ward members will accompany Milton upon his labors in the service of humanity and our Father and the Savior. Simple as it may seem, it is the profoundest truth on earth today to say that the only real remedy for the sick world, now on its death bed, is the Gospel, the principles so plain and simple, but O, so hard to live for most of the people of earth. Milton, Godspeed you.

L.D.S. Institute News

The new officers for the fall semester are: Don Merrill, president; Marlton Simons, vice-president; Calvin Simons, secretary; Delbert Rock, treasurer. For the Amegas: Lola Nielson, president; Jeannine Combs, vice-president; Marjean Haddock, secretary; John Barber, treasurer. After the election 50 couples danced in the atmosphere of the "Country Garden" at Berkeley hall.

NEW ASUC HEAD IS L.D.S. STUDENT

Don C. Lang, member of the Upsilon chapter of Lamba Delta Sigma from Delta Chapter at Arizona State college has been chasen president of the Associated Students of the University of California. Don entered the U. C. in the fall of 1946 and has been active in many student activities. Supervising the ASUC requires a great amount of zeal and personal integrity. It is an honor that the man selected to head this organization is a member of the Church.

AN OUTSTANDING CADET

Dale E. Neilsen, Berkeley Ward member, having served two semesters as cadet colonel of the U.C.R.O.T.C. Unit, has been named the outstanding cadet and presented with an award by Monroe E. Deutch, provost of the University.

POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

The Berkeley chapter came out tops in the recent poetry contest sponsored by the Lambda Delta Signal, publication of national Lambda Delta Sigma. Rose Marie Dunham was granted first place for her "Sunset on the Desert," while Jeannine Coombs won second with her poignant "A Mother's Vigil."

We've Heard

Aldan S. Blaisdell, second counsellor, Fairfield branch, has a powerful and beautiful voice for basso solos, and of a high concert quality. By employment he is a pipefitter. His fine wife and their young family are also musically gifted. Orlin I. Oliver, first counsellor in same Branch, manufactureres patio blocks and stepping stones, and has built up a good business since taking the project over from the Vallejo-Napa Elder' quorums. . . . Allan C. Woolley, the active young president of the Branch, is a general contractor in Napa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Richardson of Fairfield Branch, both music majors at the B.Y.U., are in California for more vocal training with an eye on the radio or concert field. Oddly enough they are financing themselves by means of a skill in which they were trained from youth, that of intensive strawberry culture. On a small acreage near Vacaville they have exclusively a new and remarkable strain of "everbearing" strawberries just developed on Prove Bench, Utah.

Several Suisun Branch families are employed at the huge army air base at Suisun, famous as having clear flying weather for about 360 days in the year. Fogs are almost unknown due to constant semi-strong west winds every day. In fact the Indian name "Suisun," means west wind. A uni-directional wind can be used at airports to good advantage in takeoffs, also. Bothersome "Suisun" to the Indian has come to be heap good medicine to the white man today.

W. GLENN HARMON, Berkeley Stake President, is an attorney, member of a law firm in San Francisco with J. Ed Johnson, former counsellor in Oakland Stake Presidency, and John Stirrat of Oakland ward. . . . Wayne Mayhew, counsellor to Glenn Harmon, is an auditor with a number of offices in California and one in Chicago. . . . Dr. Emery Ranker, the other counsellor, is a practicing physician and surgeon in Oakland. . . . . Glenn Spencer, stake clerk, is an auditor employed by Wayne Mayhew.

Eugene Hilton, Oakland Stake president, is principal of one of the leading elementary schools of Oakland. . . . Delbert Wright, one of the counsellors to Eugene Hilton, is a comptroller in the S. F. offices of Sperry division of General Mills. . . . August Norberg, the other counsellor, is an accountant in the S.F. offices of the Claude Lindsay Building Company, a group of L.D.S. operating on an immensely large basis. . . . Paul Hallman, Oakland stake clerk, is a salesman in the Emporium, San Francisco. . . Harry Fletcher, patriarch in the Oakland Stake, is an accident insurance representative, known by all the railroad men of the west coast for his years of fine service. . . . I. B. Ball, Berkeley Stake patriarch, is a retired teacher and editor and manager of the Messenger.

Cleone Rogers Staley

Cleon Rogers Staley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rogers, is serving in Mexico City in the great Mexican Mission and reports great joy in the work. She left Claremont Ward for this, her second mission, on November 9, 1946.

For pure, unalloyed devotion to an ideal duty, Cleone's story is inspiring. About seven years ago she returned from two years among the Spanish-Americans in the states of New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. This mission was paid for out of Cleone's own savings.

1945-46 saw Cleone's father spending twelve months on a short term mission in Kansas City and vicinity, financed in full by Cleone. Then last November she gladly accepted her second mission to Mexico at her own expense. She is blessed with a beautiful, trained soprano voice, a bouyant spirit and love for the Gospel of Jesus. All this, together with her command of the Spanish language, made her very welcome in Mexico City.

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Oakland Stake Calendar

June

June 22—Four-Stake Convention.....San Francisco
Five Visitors from General Board.
June 28—Stake Conference Welfare Meeting, Oakland Chapel 7 p.m.
June 29—Stake Quarterly Conference .....Oakland Chapel—All day
9:00 and 10:30 A.M.; 1:00, 2:00 and 7:00 P.M.

Berkeley Stake Calendar

June

June —M.I.A. Dance Festival.....Berkeley Chapel
June 18—S.S. Stake Board Meeting.....Berkeley Chapel 7:30
June 14—Youths' Banquet—Details later.
June 21—M-Men, all-day outing.....Hearst Ranch
June 22—Leadership Meeting.....Berkeley Chapel 2 P.M.

Shasta District Holds Centennial Conference

"The Utah Centennial year marks the coming of the age of the Mormon Church," declared Franklin Richards in his talk Sunday morning at the Shasta District Conference held in Redding, May 25. He reviewed the Mormon Pioneers' faith and courage, and the example they have left us. "We are not a backward looking people," he said, "but accept the heritage given up by our pioneers and look to the future for even greater accomplishments."

The important part that the Mormons played in the early history of Northern California, was shown by Helen Jones. A large audience listened attentively to her story of the L.D.S. colony that came to San Francisco in 1846 under Sam Brandon, and also to the part played by the Mormon Batttalion in early California.

Music was furnished by a District chorus under the direction of Lawrence Wortley. Charles Hirst presided.

Thirty M-Men and Gleaner Girls of the District entertained a large crowd in an afternoon program commemorating the 25th birthday of their organizations. Histories of the local Branches were featured, and Sister Bernice Ivory in an impressive ceremony showed how the torch has been lighted in each little Branch, and that light is a part of a great organization moving on to Eternal life.

Brother Don Peterson, Sr., conducted exercises. Every Branch was represented on the program.

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Liahona Club News

The May 26 dinner meeting of the Liahona Club was held as usual at the Coit Hotel on Harrison Street, Oakland, with President William H. Evans again in the president's chair after his absence on business in Utah and other east points.

He brought up the suggestion that the club raise the money and have the Brigham Young Monument on Main Street, Salt Lake City, cleaned as our contribution to the Centennial Celebration that is now being observed in all parts of Utah.

Discussed also the matter of the Liahona Club in this region stimulating the forming of Liahona Clubs in other places and seeing that charters are issued to them.

The topic of the evening's address was the Activities of the F.B.I., which was discussed by Mr. Kimball in charge of the S. F. office of F.B.I., this being the third largest such office, the largest being in New York, and the second in size being in Los Angeles.

The F.BI. was set up in order to unify law inforcement by the Federal government. Before that time each department of the government had its own law inforcement force, and there was much overlapping and at the same time great loss of efficiency. Some government departments still continue to enforce law in their own field as the Treasury in the control of bootlegging.

New laws have been passed that greatly strengthen the hand of the F.B.I., such as the laws that give them the right to enter in cases of stolen cars taken over state lines, and in cases of kidnapping over state lines.

The club will meet again at the Coit Hotel at 7:30 p.m., Monday evening, June 29, and all L.D.S. business men will find a welcome hand.

Future Stake Conferences

Stake Conference Dates

San Francisco—June 7-8, October 11-12.

Oakland—June 28-29; October 25-26.

Gridley—August 23-24; November 8-9.

Berkeley—August 30-31; November 15-16.

Palo Alto—September 6-7; November 22-23.

Sacramento—September 20-21; December 6-7.

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News From "The Church News"

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President J. Reuben Clark delivered a memorable address to 1500 B.Y.U. students and faculty recently. One sentence is typical: "If some one were to tell you, 'I have the secret of health and strength; I have the secret of wisdom; I have the secret of all of the intellectual riches,' you would listen to him. And yet you have that power with you if you magnify it (the priesthood), and all you need to do to magnify the power and be entitled to use it is to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things will be added."

The Message of the Ages Pageant has been running nightly in the Salt Lake City Tabernacle since May 5, and will end June 6. . . . The statute of Chief Washakie, Shoshone Indian, who was a personal friend to Brigham Young as well as of the Saints in general is now complete as ready for casting. Other figures that will have a place on the great "This is the Place Monument" are Peter Skene Ogden, Etienne Provot, Gen. John C. Fremont and Captain B. L. E. Bonneville.

The Church has recenly undertaken a huge program of Scripture translation in the Church office building in Salt Lake City. This includes revision, to keep pace with modern language changes and to weed out errors, of the standard works of the Church in German, Dutch, Norwegian, Danish and French. For the first time a complete translation of the Doctrine and Covenants is being made in Spanish and Portuguese.

As a colonizer of the Great Basin, Erastus Snow deserves a place next to Brigham Young, says the Church Historical Record. His work as an apostle colonizer was largely done after 1853 in Southern Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Four California Stakes had the honor to be listed among these stakes who had over 25 per cent attendance at Sacrament meetings. They were S.F. with 29 per cent, South Los Angeles, 29 per cent, Palo Alto 28 per cent, Sacramento 25 per cent and Los Angeles 25 per cent.

Liberty Stake Missionaries in the last twelve years have baptized 1592 into the church and brought 952 inactive members back into activity. Los Angeles is the only California stake to be included in the honor group of stakes having 75 per cent or more ward teaching done in March.

Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus

President Thomas E. McKay told of a train conversation he enjoyed with a cultured Catholic priest one time. The priest asked about our L.D.S. priesthood quorums for all our male members, and then remarked that the great Catholic church had sensed a lack of means for fostering brotherhood and fraternity among its men and had therefore organized the Knights of Columbus to supply these functions which the L.D.S. priesthood quorums' activities supply for their members.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cosby

Interesting letters to President Harmon and to the Messenger from Chattanooga, Tennessee, from Millard P. and Mary J. Cosby, Vallejo Ward missionaries, speak of their real joy in the ministry, of general friendliness from the people, and a wondrous modernizing of the South since Elder Cosby's former missionary labors there about 40 years ago. "We have tracted about one-fourth of the white homes of the city, have sold more than 1000 booklets, as 'Mr. Durant,' and 'The Voice of Warning,' upwards of fifty Book of Mormons, placed many hundreds of tracts and pamphlets, have had many interesting Gospel conversations with people who seemingly want to know about the restored Gospel." Elder Cosby's address is now 625 Houston Street, Chattanooga, Tenn., but it will soon be 1440 St. James Street, Louisville, Ky.

OH, THE GLORY OF THAT CONVENTION

No use to try to tell in cold type the glory that shone in the faces of the 525 M-Men and Gleaners from Northern California during those "never-before" three days of grand convention on May 30, 31 and June 1, 1947, in San Francisco. You'll have to sit and hear it first hand from the youths themselves some time.

Attending from Salt Lake City were Katie Jensen and Oscar Kirkham, who were their very best in inspiration and guidance, and also good fun. Among the other highlights of the convention most often mentioned were the skits from each stake at the great Saturday night banquet; the tour of Chinatown and the Chinese meal there; and the glorious testimony meeting on Sunday. Every one is already asking, what about the one next year—or do we have to wait that long?

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Fairfield Branch News

Sunday School Superintendent Junior Rindlisbach, his wife Eva Rae, and wee daughter, Nancy, accompanied by the former's sister, Mrs. Opal Oliver, and niece, Charlotte, made a huried trip to Salt Lake to attend the funeral of their grandmother. Sister Oliver is president of the Fairfield Primary group. During her absence, Primary work has been capably handled by Sister Dorothy Blaisdell and Brother Orlin Oliver.

Branch President Allan C. Woolley had the privilege of performing his first marriage in this group. The young couple were: Lois Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Owen of Rio Vista, and Ernest Carl Jorgensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jorgensen of Birds Landing. They were married in President Woolley's Napa home on May 25.

The Relief Society, under the leadership of President Dorothy Blaisdell and her counselors, sorted and packed 12 boxes of good, used clothing for the needy Saints abroad. Relief Society members and their respective families are scheduled to have a steak supper Wednesday evening, June 11.

Songsters James and Charlotte Richardson are kept busy of late singing at various social events in this area. Their accompanist is Miss Anna Kyle, supervisor of music for Solano county.

Sister Mary Richardson and daughter, Susen, returned home from the hospital last Thursday afternoon, June 5. John Richardson is Fairfield Branch clerk.

Weekly attendance rolls in Fairfield Branch show a consistent growth, both for Sunday School and Sacrament meetings. Local members are constantly on the alert for new L.D.S. families.

Brothers A. B. Snowball and Orlin Oliver are completing a house-painting contract in Suisun. Other people have commented on the fine work they are doing, so, perhaps that means more contracts for these worthy brothers.

Claremont Ward News

Baby Cherie Lynn arrived safely May 8. Her parents are Vern and Mickey Olsen.

Thirty-five boxes of donated clothing for the relief of European Saints were sent to Stake Welfare headquarters by Claremont Ward Relief Society.

The Primary is developing a rhythm band for the summer months. Carma Fackerell will be the director of this splendid project.

On May 10, the Primary had a tree-planting ceremony and party for the children. A Blue Spruce was planted in a large container to facilitate its removal to the new ward chapel grounds on Stuart street.

Saturday evening, June 7, at the Berkeley Ward chapel an Eagle as well as a regular Court of Honor for Claremont Ward Scouts and parents and all former scouts of the ward will take place. A banquet and program promises an interesting evening. The high-light of the evening will be when David Wood receives his Eagle Scout rating.

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Herbert A. Van Noy, of the Maltby-Van Noy Hardware Co., of Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley, is a member of Dimond Ward, and former business manager of the Messenger. He was one of the founders of the Liahona Club, the dinner club for L.D.S. business men, and is currently serving as vice president of the Club, in charge of membership.

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VALLEJO WARD NEWS

Visits to various temples are being planned by several ward members. Mrs. Clarence Stonehawker, with her children, Van and Sandra, plan to visit the Idaho Falls Temple. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nielsen will accompany their son, Vaughn, and their future daughter-in-law, Miss Metta Whipple, through the Mesa, Arizona, Temple. Captain Orlin Munns, who has been transferred to the Hawaiian Islands, will soon welcome his wife to the Islands where they plan to visit the temple there.

Bishop E. Z. Taylor is recuperating from a major operation at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fleming Pope, in Oakland. We wish him a speedy recovery and are anxiously awaiting the return of him and Mrs. Taylor to Vallejo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coleman are vacationing in Utah.

It was an evening of fun and hilarity at the misfit M.I.A. dance on May 23. Prizes for the most rediculous costumes were won by Ray Telford, E. J. Tittenser and Helen Warr.

We extend our sympathy to Wallace Weierman, second counselor, to the Bishop, who was called to Washington, because of the sudden death of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor are in Salt Lake City, where they plan to go through the temple. Mrs. Taylor is a convert to the church.

Ten boys and girls, with their advisors, motored to Berkeley on May 23, to participate in Stake Primary graduation exercises. The Stake board presented each graduate with a gift.

The friends of Mrs. Dale Tomlinson will be pleased to know that she is recovering after a recent operation.

The Pratt Nursery, in cooperation with the church beautification committee, are busy planting shrubs and flowers on the church grounds. The ground for planting of the lawn is being prepared by the Priesthood groups.

Recent Priesthood advancements include Spencer Stratford, Frank Dinsdale and Roland Knight as teachers. Harold Severson was made a priest and new elders include Harold Kuehl and Carl Ivie.

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cessing. Other sentiments seemed to favor ward farms for some wards.

Pres. Thomas E. McKay:

President McKay stressed again that ward weekly Welfare meetings should be held faithfully. If no other reason presents itself at these meetings a study of the Welfare Handbook should be made. "The path of counsel is the path of safety." Elder McKay told stories of an old man in Finland receiving two Welfare blankets and how these saved him from death by freezing—and of an expectant mother in Europe receiving a Welfare layette two days before the birth of her baby which otherwise would have only had newspapers for wrapping it in.

One hundred attended this Saturday evening Welfare meeting whereas 75 attended last stake conference.

"Called But Found Wanting"

"It is as important that you faithfully do your duty as a ward teacher as it is that the president of the Church do his duty as the president. 'Called but found wanting' was my fathers' comment regarding an inactive rich member," Elder McKay said, "and we do not want that said of us in any of our offices and callings as leaders of Israel."

"'At least he's a good whistler,' said my father one time when defending a brother whom everyone else were condemning. Speak well of everyone."

"Quorum reports are really important. The books shall be opened and we shall be judged out of the books. It is so on earth as it will be in heaven. Men are chosen to fill important positions in our stakes only after the written records of those concerned are found acceptable. The books are opened. Keep the records. Make reports on time."

Activate the Inactive

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Conference, May 4, 1947.

He told the story of one member who was inactive and who would not quit smoking to enter the temple for marriage; would look as though done for that reason only. Married civilly, he did not give up the habit. Then one day a quorum took over a sick brother's farm for a season and voted this inactive brother as the one best qualified to lead in the project.

He reluctantly accepted, worked first day without smoking, returned late and was standing by the stove serving himself the cooked meal when the urge came again to have a smoke. The urge was checked by the recollection that he had done without smoking all that day.

The cigarette package was thrown into the fire the member returned to church activity, went to the temple and was sealed, afterwards expressing gratitude in tears for the opportunity the Welfare project had afforded.

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Six Pioneer Vigettes By President Harmon

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wretchedness beyond this is not easily conceived of. Our informant says when he left, which was some three weeks since (and I may ad that is quite evident from this account why he left) the mud, by reason of incessant rains, was six inches deep around their camps."

II. BANCROFT, ON THE RETURN OF THE MORMON BATTALLION FROM CALIFORNIA TO UTAH, JULY, 1848:

"Forty-five men and one woman turned their backs on the gold field and started for the Valley July 3rd.

"As the wagons rolled up along the divide between the American River and the Cosumnes, on the national 4th, their cannon thundered independence before the high sierras . . . Thus, amidst the scenes now every day becoming more and more absorbing, bringing to the front the strongest passions in man's nature . . . at the call of what they deemed duty, these devotees of their religion unhesitatingly laid down their wealth-winning implements, turned their backs on what all the world was just then making ready with hot haste and mustered strength to grasp at, and struggle for, and marched thru new toils and dangers to meet their exiled brethern in the desert."

III. PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG SUMMED UP THE UTAH PIONEERS' FAITH IN THESE WORDS:

"When we left our homes in the East and started for the Rocky Mountains, the feeling in regard to us was, 'There is starvation before you, Mormons, but if you do not die of starvation the Indians will kill you.'

"We knew they would do no such thing; we knew that we could live when we got here, and we also knew that we could travel twelve or fourteen hundred miles with our cows, calves, colts, lame cattle, our seed grain and provisions and farming utensils, on wagons, carts and handcarts, without an ounce of iron on some of them.

"It was said that we could raise nothing when we got here; but I said, 'We will wait and see; we know that God has led us out here, and we will wait and see what he will do for us.' You can see what he has done, and thank His name and be humble.

"Shall we speak evil of others? No. Why? Because the result of their treatment towards us has made us better and greater than we otherwise could have been . . . Our enemies have pushed us together. Let us thank God, and speak evil of none; and instead of finding fault with our Father, let us thank him for turning us out of doors, for we have learned a great many useful lessons in life that we could not have learned without it. We can read just as much as the inhabitants of the earth, and after reading we can practice a thousand times more than any of them."—Contributor, Vol. XI, p. 310.

IV. JOURNAL OF APPLETON MILO HARMON, JUNE 3, 1850, (p. 68), IS VIVID PORTRAIT:

"We met a continual stream of emigration for the mines, many of them running half prepared, frantic, mad, crazy, or distracted. A Latter Day Saint had, in California, uncapped some shining ore and exposed it in all its tempting excitement to a frantic world who with eager appetites swallowed every favorable tale of a few fortunate ones whose stories lost nothing by being told. They had increased the desire for gold into a dreadful malady, known as the yellow gold fever, which during this year, 1850, is carrying off an aggregate of 40,000 souls via an overland route to California . . . They in their hurry had started none too well prepared, and it was not uncommon to see a man whose horse had died or been stolen by Indians, with a rifle and pack on his back, with scarcely a week's provisions, following in the wild prevalent excitement, facing the rugged path that I had just passed over, then on, over rugged ways, crossing the Sierra Nevada mountains. Their paths were yet 1200 miles long.

"We met many a pious priest whose voice had been often raised in the public clamor, branding the characters of Joseph Smith and his followers as 'money diggers.' Now they had quietly laid down their several callings and joined with the giddy multitude in an overland route of 2000 miles to fill the honorable calling of 'money diggers'."

V. CHARLES DICKENS VISITED AN EMIGRANT SHIP BEARING LATTER-DAY SAINTS FROM ENGLAND TO AMERICA IN 1850:

" . . . up and down these gangways, perpetually crowding to and fro and in and out, like ants, are the Emigrants who are going to sail in my Emigrant ship. Some with cabbages, some with loaves of bread, some with cheese and butter, some with milk and beer, some with boxes, beds and bundles, some with babies—nearly all with children—nearly all with brand new tin cans for their daily allowance of water, uncomfortably suggestive of a tin flavor in the drink . . .

"Now I have seen imigrant ships before this day in June. And these people are so strikingly different . . . that I wonder aloud, 'What would a stranger suppose these emigrants to be!'

"The viligant bright face of the weather-browned captain of the Amazon is at my shoulder and he says, 'What, indeed! The most of these came aboard yesterday evening. They came from various parts of England in small parties that had never seen one another before. Yet, they had not been a couple of hours on board, when they established their own police, made their own regulations, and set their own watches at all the hatchways. Before nine o'clock the ship was as orderly and as quiet as a man o' war . . . '

"What is in store for these poor people on the shores of the Great Salt Lake, what happy delusions they are laboring under now, on what miserable blindness their eyes may open then, I do not pretend to say. But I went on board their ship to bear testimony against them if they deserved it, as I fully believed they would; to my great astonishment they did not deserve it; and my predispositions and tendencies must not affect me as an honest witness. I went over the Amazon's side feeling it impossible to deny that, so far, some remarkable influence had produced a remarkable result, which better known influences have often missed."

VI. FROM THE INSCRIPTION ON "THIS IS THE PLACE" MONUMENT, AT THE MOUTH OF EMIGRANT CANYON, SALT LAKE CITY:

PIONEERS

"They cut desire into short lengths
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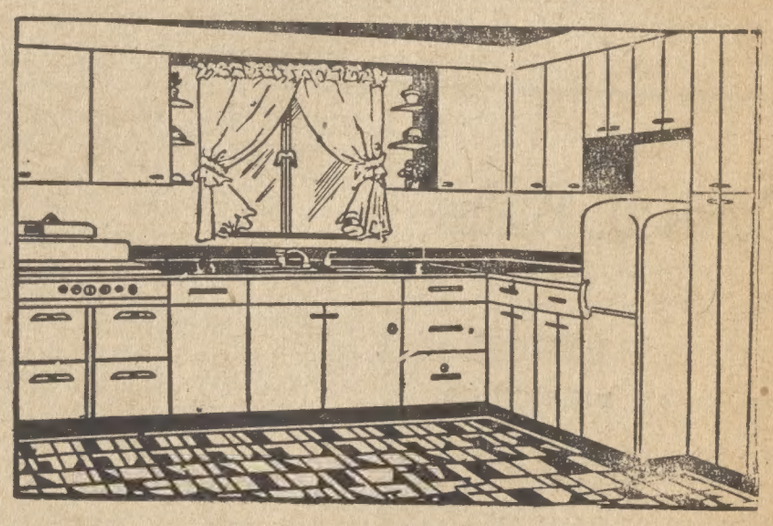

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